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## Build Sports Field For Benefit of All

### Red Cross Has Fund For Carrying On Work-- Will Supply Equipment

An athletic field for the use of all at the Hospital is being planned and will be completed shortly under the direction of the Red Cross. The site will be the fine level strip of ground in the rear of Officers' Quarters.

The plans, as outlined by Mr. Freeman, Field Director of the Red Cross, include a baseball field, a track, an open space for field sports, a club house and a stand for spectators. The lumber and boxes which now occupy part of the field will be cleared away and the ground will be put in first class condition.

One of the novelties will be an elevated platform which will be reserved for wheel chair patients. It will be so arranged that the chairs may be wheeled there without difficulty and the occupants of the chairs will have a fine view of the games.

The club house will be a frame structure for the use of the athletes. It will also have a canteen where drinks and ice cream will be served.

The Red Cross has received a donation of \$2,000 from the Mercy Committee of New Jersey. The money will be used in building the field. Indications are that the fund will be increased to \$5,000. All equipment necessary in playing the various games will be provided by the Red Cross.

The work on the field will start immediately and will be rushed. It is not possible to say when it will be completed, owing to the scarcity of labor. If the men of the Detachment are willing to help with the work, the field will be ready in shorter time. It is probable that a committee from the Detachment will be named in a few days to work with a Red Cross committee and make use of whatever labor is volunteered.

Mr. Freeman hopes to have the athletic field become one of the most popular places on the reservation during the warm months. It will be for the use of Detachment men, patients, officers and all who wish to indulge. He hopes to see many contests arranged within the Post and also have a representative baseball and track team meet players from other Army posts.

#### AT CAMP DIX.

Major Franklin W. Johnson, Chief of the Educational Service, spent Monday and Tuesday at Camp Dix, where he inspected the Educational Service.



THE STAFF OF WARD 11.  
Miss Hannigan, Captain Harden, ward surgeon; Miss Cromwell, Miss Bennett,  
Miss McCaffrey, Miss Tripple, Miss Hamer.  
—Photo by Pvt. Address, Ward 11.

### Total Amputation Cases Announced; Numbered 3,034

According to official advices, the total of "major amputation cases" in the United States forces to date is 3,034, of which 2,308 are arm and leg cases; and of these approximately 600 are arm amputations, and 1,708 are leg amputations. The remaining 726 are hands, feet, and two or more fingers. Not all of these men require special training to enable them to make a living, the Federal Board for Vocational Education points out; in fact the percentage is smaller than one would imagine. A lawyer, doctor, draftsman, bookkeeper, dentist, stenographer, office man or salesman is not necessarily affected unfavorably in making a living by reason of having lost a leg; but the loss of an arm may be a very serious matter.

Those who in the main require re-education on account of leg or arm amputations are farmers, artisans whose trade required great activity, such as carpenters, teamsters, structural iron workers and the like. There are no hard and fast rules, and cannot be, for each case must be judged on its own merits, as for instance, that of a professional violinist, who, having lost a finger joint of his left hand, found his occupation utterly gone and had to learn to do something else for a living.

#### DANCES.

The Graduate Nurses' Club dedicated the Officers' mess hall with a dance for Officers and a few aides. St. Patrick's Day colors were used in the decorating scheme.

The Y. M. C. A. gave a dance Monday night for the Nurses, Student Nurses and Aides.

### Director of Reconstruction Rays Visit to Hospital No. 3

Col. Frank Billings, M. C., Director, Division of Reconstruction, visited this Hospital March 21 and inspected the various departments. He was shown about the Hospital by Major Franklin W. Johnson, Chief of the Educational Service. Colonel Billings stated that he was very much pleased with the method of carrying on the reconstruction work here and with the results obtained.

In Colonel Billings' party were Major B. T. Baldwin, Chief of the Educational Service at Walter Reed Hospital; Major Henderson, Chief of the Educational Service at Fort McHenry, Baltimore; Dr. Ethel Bowman, in charge of Metro-therapy at Walter Reed Hospital.

#### SURGICAL SYMPOSIUM.

Several Officers of the staff of General Hospital No. 3 gave a symposium on military surgery at a meeting of the Academy of Medicine of Northern New Jersey held Tuesday evening at Newark. The subjects and speakers were:

A Visit to General Hospital No. 3 (illustrated with lantern slides) by Lieut. A. J. Treichler; a lantern slide demonstration of the variety of cases examined in the Roentgen Department, by Lieut. J. J. Sybenga; Artificial Limbs: Their Application and Method of Applying, by Lieut. J. J. Barry; Amputations (lantern slides), Capt. E. J. Rose; Application of Splints (lantern slides), Capt. J. S. Davis; Treatment of Infectious Wounds by the Carrel-Dakin Method (lantern slides), by Capt. A. S. Harden; Present Status of Nerve Surgery (lantern slides), by Lieut. Bull; Reconstruction of Bones (lantern slides), by Major Fred H. Albee.

## Stretcher Men Get Praise Of Chaplain

### Fighting Parson Calls Them "Real Heroes" and Ad- mires Their Bravery

The real heroes of the war were the stretcher bearers, who could not fall down every time a shell burst near them, according to Chaplain "Bill" Hart, of the 140th Infantry, a part of the 35th Division, made up of men from Kansas and Missouri, who has just returned to this country. Chaplain Hart, wearing the Knights of Columbus uniform, told of incidents of heroism displayed by stretcher bearers.

"They are the bravest men on earth, these stretcher bearers, who go up under the shells and machine gun bullets and bring back the wounded who are too badly injured to walk back of the lines," Father Hart said. "They are supposed to be men not up to the usual mark of fighters but they have done wonders. Many a mother would be mourning for her boy if some one of these lads had not rescued him at a risk of his own life.

"Just before I came away I told a group of stretcher bearers who were complaining because they had to wear the blue brassard which designates their work that the brassard, in my opinion, is the greatest medal of the war."

Father Hart told of watching four stretcher bearers who went out to rescue a soldier who had been in opposing tank fire. By some miracle they escaped the cross-fire bullets and got their man. Then suddenly a shell burst on them and three stretcher bearers and the wounded soldier were blown to atoms. The fourth bearer, a chap by the name of McClellan, escaped practically unhurt with only a piece of the handle remaining in his hand.

Father Hart was cited by General Traub, commanding officer of the division, for bravery in leading into action a group of soldiers who had become demoralized after losing their officers.

#### PAY OF CHIEF NURSE.

In recognition of their service Congress has passed a bill increasing the pay of chief nurses in the army by \$240 a year. At present chief nurses receive \$120 a year in addition to the pay of a nurse, which is \$50 a month, and by the terms of the new legislation, they will receive \$360 a year in addition to the regular pay of a nurse. The increase is effective as of July 9, 1918.



## Recruiting Office Opens; In Charge of Capt. Willard

A general recruiting office, the purpose of which is the obtaining of enlistments in the Regular Army under the provisions of the act of Congress approved February 28, 1919, has been opened at this Post. The Commanding Officer has designated Captain Lawrence E. Willard, M. C., to serve as Recruiting Officer.

The act of Congress provides for the resumption of enlistments for all branches of the Regular Army. The age limits for original enlistment are 18 to 40 years, inclusive. Special efforts will be made to induce men to enlist for three years instead of one year and it will be the policy of the War Department to assign the three-year men to oversea service. It is practically certain that those who wish to join or remain with the A. E. F. may have the wish gratified by reenlisting.

The men will be assigned according to their wishes. Those who desire assignment to the Motor Transport Corps, Tank Corps or Air Service will be enlisted for Infantry for assignment to the branch of the service desired and will be transferred to the latter in order to be assigned. All men discharged for the purpose of re-enlistment who re-enlist on the day following discharge will be granted a furlough of one month, if they desire it, to begin to take effect not later than one month after re-enlistment.

### RED CROSS.

Fifty patients were entertained Thursday night at Kearny, N. J., by Balmoral Lodge, No. 19, Daughters of Scotia. They were welcomed by Miss Margaret Nixon, Chief Daughter, and by Mayor Robert E. Torrance.

Even though they were girls they put across a male-minstrel show that had the earmarks of Neil O'Brien and Lew Dockstader. The J. W. B. discovered and trained them in Perth Amboy, and produced them at the Red Cross house Tuesday night. The program abounded in good singing and exuberant wit, and made a big hit with a crowded house. Realism as a stage effect was produced by perfectly-fitting dress suits and end-men paraphernalia, although there are mighty few darkies who could imitate the dialect. The evening was a mutual success, for the boys were glad to see the girls, and the girls were glad to play for the boys.

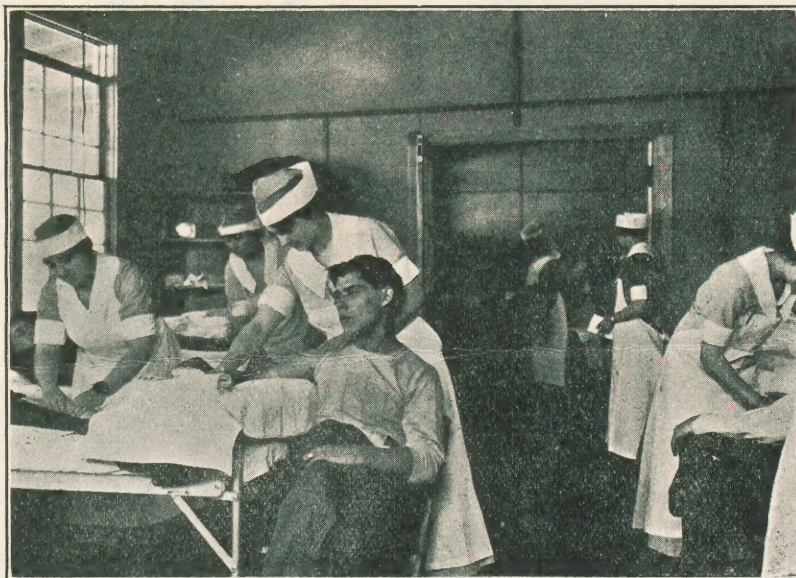
### HOSPITAL ORDERS.

First Lieutenant Donald A. Curtis, M. C., and First Lieutenant Lawrence D. Roche, M. C., having reported at this station, will report to the Chief of the Surgical Service for duty.

In addition to his other duties, First Lieutenant Chester W. Trowbridge, M. C., is appointed Supervisor of Clinical Records vice Captain George W. Schlindwein, M. C., hereby relieved.

Under authority of First Ind. Letter, S. G. O., Washington, D. C., March 18, 1919, Miss Harriet Harvey, Dietitian, M. D., U. S. Army, is appointed Head Dietitian, this hospital, effective March 1, 1919.

## Repairing Men Through Physio-Therapy



RECONSTRUCTION AIDES WORKING ON PATIENTS.

—Photo by Lieut. Treichler.

How often have we heard it said that Mother Nature is the greatest of healers; that close co-operation and co-ordination with Nature, in its normal functions, is a big step toward health and repair in time of illness and injury.

At this hospital we see this carried out to a great degree in our convalescing patients. This is done by the well equipped and well organized department of Physio-therapy. It is indeed well equipped, occupying as it does one of the largest single buildings at the Post and divided into three sub-departments, namely, massage; Electro-therapy, which takes in the various electrical devices used to create stimuli, etc., in muscle tissue, and last, the department of Hydro-therapy, involving the cabinet baths, showers, swimming pool, Scotch and fan douches.

The curative value of this form of treatment has long been recognized. A surgical operation often leaves a certain amount of scar tissue which invariably alters the function of the

member involved. Physio-therapy coming into play at this moment in one of the above forms is always a vital factor, for by its methods we see an increased blood supply, the breaking down of fibrous adhesions, if any, and eventually improved and restored function. In short, its methods assist Nature.

Captain James C. Elsom, M. C., former head of the Department of Physical Education at the University of Wisconsin, is at the head of this department. He is assisted by First Lieutenant Chas. W. Robinson, M. C. Sergeant First Class Edward Davidson is the N. C. O. in charge. Sergeant First Class Altman is in charge of the gymnasium. Two other sergeants, namely, M. A. Maximoff and George Wright and seven privates and privates first class make up the remainder of the enlisted personnel of this department. Working in close co-operation with the enlisted personnel there is also a staff of 22 Reconstruction Aides under the direct supervision of Miss Madeline Converse.

### DEATHS.

Private Emilio Pistilli, of Co. C., 12th Battalion, died at this hospital last week. The body was sent to his home at Perth Amboy, N. J.

Private David Constantini, Battery D, 106th F. A., passed away at this hospital last week. The body was sent to his home in Buffalo, N. Y.

After a rather protracted illness, Private John Gerakios, Co. B, 3rd M. G. Bn., died at this hospital. The body was sent to his home at Leesbury, Florida.

### TALK ON INSURANCE.

Thursday afternoon, Field Clerk A. W. Swarzwald, Headquarters, Eastern Department, spoke to both patients and personnel of this hospital on the subject of Insurance. He dwelt on the question of War Risk Insurance, advising at the same time that the men convert this form of Insurance after discharge. He also differentiated between War Risk Insurance and Compensation, the latter being of decided interest to the patients.

Miss Jeannette S. Barnes, Occupational Aide in academic work, has been appointed Head Aide.

### PRINTING DEPARTMENT.

The Printing Department had a busy month during February, according to the figures which have just been made known. Although there were only 17 working days, the shop made 68,000 impressions. The shop now has a new hand press, a stapling machine and a proof press. A number of patients are receiving instruction in presswork, composition and linotyping. The shop is in charge of Sergeant First Class Laurence Vincent Beardsley, assisted by Private Harold C. Kilbride, and Privates First Class Harold C. Cameron and John C. Hassell.

Corporal Thomas H. Williams, Jr., who was known as the "all around" man in the Printing Department, has received an honorable discharge and has returned to his home in Trenton, N. J.

### CABARET.

Ward 11 had another celebration Friday afternoon, when the jazz orchestra and several entertainers from Johnson's Cabaret, Newark, gave an entertainment. They gave a fine program and the boys enjoyed it to the fullest extent.

### K. C.

The new K. of C. building is progressing rapidly and soon will be ready for the opening events. Secretary Ungerer is not prepared to tell about the opening program except to say that it will interest everyone in the camp. The building will be large enough to accommodate great crowds.

One of the promises of the near future is the early return of the F. E. McGuirk entertainment group which appeared here recently. Those who will appear are Mr. and Mrs. Byron G. Harlin; Franklin Hall; the two colored boys who sing and give three-round boxing exhibitions; Frank Byrne; Mrs. Burke, the singer who makes such a big hit with the boys; Miss Tessie Egan, Mrs. McGoy, the Misses Mae and Gertrude O'Connor; Harold Kelley and Walter McGuirk, the juvenile singers; and F. E. McGuirk with his stories of camp life. Their return performance will be greeted with a large and enthusiastic house.

The Eagles, of Elizabeth, entertained the men with a high class musical and dancing show. In addition to several good musical numbers by members of the order, there were three readings by Miss Estelle Donnelly. The audience was treated to cigars. The Eagles have requested the announcement that all Eagles at this Hospital should communicate with James E. Desmond, Eagles Home, Elizabeth, N. J.

### J. W. B. DANCE AT ELIZABETH.

Following its weekly custom, the Jewish Welfare Board took 25 boys to Elizabeth, Tuesday night, where they were entertained at a dance given by the Council of Jewish Women. The music was furnished by the orchestra of the Hotel Washington, of Newark.

Welcomed by the enthusiastic applause of an audience that packed the Knights of Columbus house, the Stage Children, under the auspices of the Jewish Welfare Board, repeated their successful performance of two weeks ago, and made a further place for themselves in the good graces of Colonia. Practically the same cast performed, and the appreciated element of juvenile ability was again evident. After the performance, the children served J. W. B. brand of candy and smokes.

All men of the Jewish faith who will not visit their homes for the Passover holidays, and who wish to be provided for in the matter of the Seders, should communicate with Mr. Siegel, of the Jewish Welfare Board, immediately, at the Knights of Columbus building.

Through the kindness of the manager, M. S. Schlesinger, the Jewish Welfare Board was able to take fifty boys to a performance of Peggy Wood's triumph, "Maytime." It was truly a wonderful performance; for Miss Wood and her company were playing to a packed house which had requested this special Friday matinee, and they played with great enthusiasm.

Lieut. A. J. Treichler, M. C., will speak before the Camera Club of Newark, next Monday evening. His subject will be an illustrated lecture of a visit to U. S. Army General Hospital No. 3.



# RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

## Sunday

6:15 a. m. Mass for Catholics  
Chaplain Reilly

8:30 a. m. Mass for Catholics  
Chaplain Reilly

10:30 a. m. Protestant Services  
Chaplain Leach

All above services are held in  
Physico Therapy Gymnasium

7:30 p. m. Evening Service in Y. M. C. A.

## Friday

6:30 p. m. Jewish Services in  
K. of C. Building

# THE MOURNERS.

Over in France, not so many weeks ago, there was a funeral—the funeral of a nurse.

They gave her the burial of a General, with all the salutes, the cortege, the caisson, the sounding of taps, and all the ceremonies—the soldiers would have no less. One of her patients, who lost his identity in the modesty that has characterized all of our soldiers there, wrote this poem to her while he and his comrades were mourning her. It may be a little crude, but it came deep from a soldier's heart—and there's none better than that:

Two doughboys sat watching the funeral,  
Of the Nurse who had just gone West,

One had a whiff of the mustard,  
And one had helped clean out a nest.

One was a wop from Jersey,  
One was a kid from Chi,  
"Ain't it hell," said one to the other,  
"That a goil like that's gotta die?"

And the wop that hailed from Jersey,  
And the mick who had lived in Chi,  
Said a prayer for their Red Cross sister,  
A prayer that was choked with a sigh.

It wasn't according to ritual,  
The Chaplain would say, like as not:  
"O God, if there is such a God,  
Give her the best you've got."

And as taps died away in the distance,  
A tear could be seen in the eye  
Of the wop who hailed from Jersey  
And the mick who had lived in Chi.

# STUDY IN BRITAIN.

Preparations are being made at the American embarkation camp at Knotty Ash, Liverpool, to receive 2,000 officers and soldiers of the United States Army who will take up studies in British universities for the next three months. The military students will go to various universities, according to the number that can be accommodated at each. Courses include languages, letters, medicine and science.

# TEAM WORK.

It is not the guns or armament  
Or the money they can pay,  
It's the close co-operation  
That makes them win the day.  
It is not the individual  
Or the army as a whole,  
But the everlastin' team work  
Of every bloomin' soul.

—KIPLING.

(N. Y. Tribune.)

Visit the Vocational Library at the School.

# SELL TO ENLISTED MEN.

Enlisted men who are in the service or are about to leave the service may buy certain articles through supply officers at the Post at which they are stationed. The War Department circular, which confers the necessary authority, says, "Supply officers are authorized to sell to enlisted men now in the service or about to leave the service, at prices designated by the Director of Purchase and Storage, any articles of clothing or equipment except the following: Coats, breeches, overcoats, caps, ornaments, hat cords."

# DOES HE HAVE TO PAY

## INCOME TAX ON IT?

The Officers' Ward was the scene of a rather impressive ceremony last Sunday morning. The event calling forth all the pomp was a presentation of a bouquet to Lieut. Shamansky, who is confined to that ward with Eosinophilia. Nobody seems to know who the latter is or how he ever got by the guard at the gate; however he is very much here. Corp. G. F. Beckmeyer, representing the Laboratory personnel, made the speech of presentation. A few bottles of Dakin's extra dry were opened and disposed of.

# PARODY NO. 2.

Now the long, long trail is ended  
For me across the seas in France,  
For I've had my share of fighting  
Where the shot and shell enhance;  
There are no more drills nor hikings,  
At last my dreams will sure come true;

Very soon,—and I'll be going  
Down that long, long trail with you.

—R. F. T., Ward 14.

# STEADY EXERCISE!

The largest single purchase of chewing gum in the history of the Army has been made by the Subsistence Division, War Department, 11,686,000 packages of the most popular and best known brands making up the order. At the same time the largest single order of candy on record was given, calling for 12,000,000 pounds.

Both the candy and chewing gum are for the overseas force. The very highest grades of candy have been included in the awards and will consist of bar chocolate, sweet chocolate, chocolate vanilla bars, almond bars, and peanut bars.

# NEVERMORPS!

Students' army training corps,  
You surely made us awful sorps;  
Clumsy, tiresome, hopeless borps,  
We were shot—but shed no gorps—  
Studied little, pokered morps,  
Raked the campus, scrubbed the flops,  
Played the peeler, watched a storps,  
Soaked up goulash, learned to snorps,  
Had experience galorps  
'Nough to make an angel orps.  
Now, imposter, all is orps;  
Fare you well—please shut the dorps—  
Students' army training corps.

# The Difficulty.

"I understand young Loftus draws quite a small salary in his clerical work. He could make much more just now by going into a factory."

"Yes, but then he would have to draw wages."

# After every war come the great successes —and great failures

IS your future worth half an hour's serious thought? If it is, then take down a history of the United States. You will discover this unmistakable truth:

Opportunity does not flow in a steady stream, like a river—it comes and goes in great tides.

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Men like these, have enrolled with the Institute: E. R. Behrend, President of the Hammermill Paper Co.; William D'Arcy, President of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World; Melville W. Mix, President of the Dodge Manufacturing Co., and scores of others.

Men like these, who have trained themselves to seize opportunity, will make these after-war years count tremendously.

You, too, can make them count.

# Advisory Council

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## TO THE WOUNDED SOLDIERS OF THE AMERICAN ARMY

I could tell you what the sacrifices you have made have meant to the world. I could tell you what history for all time to come will say of you and of the sufferings you have experienced on your great crusade. But these things other men will tell you.

I prefer to remind you that the wounds you bear are the noblest badges of honor any man has ever worn; that they exalt you to a supreme place in the minds and hearts of your countrymen and of all the world. I prefer to assure you that America realizes that she has no more solemn obligation, no more patriotic duty than to express in practical terms the gratitude that every American—man, woman and child—feels for every one of you. America will not forget.

WOODROW WILSON.

THE WHITE HOUSE,  
Washington.

## "THE GLORY OF THE ACHIEVEMENT."

In the midst of the constant stream of post-bellum eulogies it is more than pleasant to hear an official tribute paid to those whose work we know the best—the members of the Medical Corps. Their labor must always follow in the wake of the heroic deeds, for it is their task to rescue and restore the humans who have been shattered through the skill and efficiency of ordnance experts. The one tears down and destroys—necessary though the cause may be—while the other rebuilds and restores the maimed.

From France has come a letter written by the Commander-in-Chief of the American Expeditionary Forces. It bestows well deserved praise upon those who knew no fear when their hospitals were the favorite marks of the Hun bombers and who now continue their unselfish labors long after the close of active warfare. "Not in power, not in profit,

but in the glory of the achievement," may be seen as the motto that inspired the letter:

France, February 20, 1919.

Colonel Walter D. McCaw, M. C.,  
Chief Surgeon, A. E. F.

My dear Colonel McCaw:

Now that active operations are at an end, and many officers and enlisted personnel are preparing to sever their connection with the military forces and return to civil life, I desire to express my personal appreciation and thanks and that of your fellow members of the American Expeditionary Forces to you, and through you to the members of your Department, for the splendid services they have rendered.

At the front and in the long chain of hospitals extending down to the Base Ports, I have watched the fine and unselfish character of their work, and the achievements which have added new glory to the whole profession they have so ably represented. Many of them have shared with the line troops the hardships of campaign conditions and have sustained casualties and privations with fortitude that is beyond praise. No labor has been too exhausting and no danger too great to prevent their full discharge of duty.

A special word of thanks is due to those members who were attached to and served continuously with the armies of our Allies. Their efficiency and high ideals have called for the highest praise of the Allied Governments under whom they have served.

Before they leave France, will you convey to all ranks under your command the deep sense of my personal appreciation of their splendid services and my regret at the impracticability of sending each and every one of them a letter of thanks?

Sincerely yours,

JOHN J. PERSHING.

## RECLAIMING THE CRIPPLED SOLDIERS.

The work already done by the Federal Board of Vocational Education in re-educating and placing disabled soldiers, sailors and marines gives a good guarantee of its capacity for solving one of the pressing problems of peace. By February 15, three months after the signing of the armistice, the board had dealt with 22,851 cases of men injured in the service, of which 9,020 were reported to it from hospitals, 4,494 from the Red Cross and 6,552 from the War Risk Insurance Bureau.

To save to industry the thousands of men crippled in the war, training them to be self-supporting and finding jobs for them within the range of their impaired physical ability is obviously one of the chief concerns of the country they have served so faithfully. Certainly there is no present problem of educa-

tion comparing with it in urgency or in sentiment, and there will be general satisfaction that it is already well in hand. Not only have these victims of war's devastation given up valuable time that would have been devoted to getting a start in a trade or profession, but they return with the handicap of wounds and disability and deserve to have their way made smooth by every aid that can be given them.

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## TO THOSE WHO STAYED HOME.

You stayed at home? Ah, is it anywhere  
Written or said you did not do your share?

The silver chevrons!—cast them not aside  
But wear them, wear those honor-stripes with  
pride.

You stayed at home, but if you only knew  
How we, across the seas, relied on you!

Were we unmindful that, with hearts of flame,  
You reinforced us, though you never came?

Had it been ours in vain attempt to bleed,  
You would have come, to help us in our need.

You **did** come over, for your hearts were there,  
And thus, more than you know, you did your  
share.

Whose merit, if by Fate's decree we went?  
Whose fault, if you by Fortune were not sent?

Chance smiled on us, and so, in battle's din,  
We took the part you would have gloried in.

They say we fought full well—we fought and won.  
Is that not just the thing you would have done?

If we went bravely through the nether hell,  
You, who are like us, would have done as well.

Then share with us the glory, for we found,  
You helping us, enough to go around.

—Vernon A. Vrooman, Captain, U. S. A., in N. Y. Times.

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The convalescent soldier is more inclined to measure events from the date of his last operation rather than his most important battle.

All may be fair in love and war. Love, however, has not such strict regulations to call upon.

The income tax is about the only great event of the day that doesn't mean anything in the life of the doughboy.

Wonder if bartenders will continue to wear those elegant white vests in the years to come?

Imagine the future school child taking a history examination and being asked to "Explain the Russian situation in 1919."

Ward Surgeons examining men for heart murmurs should remember that sentiment produces such results almost as often as cigarettes.

Wonder how long the Medical Corps remained in service after the Hundred Year War?

The freedom of the seas is especially annoying to the amateur swimmer who inhales a mouthful of salt water.





SPRINGTIME IN ELIZABETH

#### RED CROSS REGULATIONS.

Important regulations regarding visitors at the Hospital, and the home service of the Red Cross have been posted by Mr. Freeman, with the approval of the Commanding Officer and the Chief Nurse.

The regulations follow:

##### Visitors:

The Registrar will issue all visitors' passes to Red Cross House.

Passes will be issued to the wards only when the patient is too ill to come to the Red Cross House.

Hours for relatives to visit the wards are 1:30 P. M. to 4:30 P. M.

Relatives will always be escorted to the wards by a Boy Scout.

Visitors must surrender their parcels, with the exception of unwrapped reading matter, to the Boy Scout, who will deliver the parcels to the Nurse in charge upon entering the ward.

When relatives visit a patient in the ward, they must remain at the bedside.

Two passes will be issued,—one to be surrendered to the Nurse in charge of the ward and the other to be handed to the guard upon departure from the reservation.

Requests to communicate with or to visit any nurse in the hospital must be immediately referred to the Chief Nurse, Miss Swensen, who will make all necessary arrangements.

##### Home Service:

Captain Macy or Mr. Mallalieu are always ready to interview patients and Detachment men and to render to them any service or advice.

Miss Rennyson is Chief of Home Service Aides.

Miss Isabel D. Hunter is Chief Aide.

Home Service Aides will co-operate with the nurses in charge of wards and when, from their own observation or upon suggestion by the nurse in charge, Home Service is required by an individual, they will immediately telephone to the Home Service Office and report to Miss Rennyson as soon as possible.

It is the duty of the Aides to notify the nurse in charge of the wards of any act of impropriety on the part of visitors.

The aides, as well as all Red Cross officials, should ask visitors wandering in the corridors to exhibit their passes. If passes are not produced, such visitors should be escorted immediately to the Red Cross House.

#### AT MERCY HOUSE.

Hostess—Now Sergeant, you may come and help me wash the dishes.

Sergeant Graham—All right, shall I wash, dry or drop.

## The Carrel-Dakin Treatment

One of the most distinct medical features of the great war is the Carrel-Dakin treatment of infected limbs.

No one other phase of the medical and surgical treatment used in the recent war can claim for itself the wonderful results obtained through this method.

A short time after the outbreak of the war in Europe, it soon became evident that some effective antiseptic treatment for infected wounds must be had. The new implements of modern warfare, such as shrapnel, hand grenades, etc., inflicted a type of wound rarely seen—huge lacerated surfaces, deep crevices and pockets, and carrying with it contaminated material—made an ideal place for the development of infection.

Tetanus or lock-jaw, gas bacillus infection, were common, and, numerous infected wounds resulted in blood poisoning. After a great deal of experimenting by Prof. Dakin, of England, and later by Dr. Carrel, of the Rockefeller Institute in New York, the problem of infection was solved and the Carrel-Dakin solution and treatment resulted.

On the entrance of the United States into the world war, the war hospital was opened at the Rockefeller Institute in New York, where the American surgeons were taught this treatment, giving our soldiers the advantage that had to be learned by bitter experience on the other side. The solution is one of sodium hypochlorite of .45% and 1000 times more alkaline than water. Its antiseptic properties lie in the chlorine content. This acts on the dead tissue and white corpuscles of the blood, which in cases not treated by the Dakin solution, form a substance called trypsin, which is a food for bacteria. However, when the chlorine comes in contact with the above mentioned tissue, this trypsin is destroyed and consequently the bacteria having no suitable ground to develop, are killed. In order to do this properly, special tubes are

made which are put into every part of the wound after it has been cleaned surgically and at regular intervals (one to two hours) the wounds are irrigated through these tubes. Every second day smears from the dirtiest part of the wound are taken, put on a glass slide, stained and examined microscopically for bacteria. A regular count of the number in twenty microscopic fields are made and the average taken. This is put on a chart and a record kept. When after two or three counts it is found that the bacteria are not over one per field, the wound is considered sterile and is ready to be sewed up.

As Dakin's solution is irritating to the normal skin, the skin surrounding the wounds is protected by especially prepared vaseline gauze to prevent burns.

This treatment is applicable in all kinds of infection and many a man has been saved from an untimely death by the efficient use of this solution.

At this hospital, Ward 11 was opened by Captain A. S. Harden as a Dakin ward on January 21st of this year. The success of this treatment has been demonstrated. Thirty-four of the very badly infected cases were transferred to this ward and given the Dakin Treatment. Out of the thirty-four original cases there are but six remaining. Of these six, three are about ready for discharge and three awaiting further operation. The delay in the latter three, however, can in no way be attributed to the Dakin solution. He also reports success with the Dakin solution in his cases of skin grafting by the Finch or Davis method. The Dakin solution is applied about six hours after the grafting has been made. Ninety per cent. of these cases are successful under this treatment.

Dakin's solution will be used quite extensively after the war in the treatment of infected wounds in industrial surgery. It has been one of the greatest benefits derived from the war.

#### A GOOD RECORD.

The Ambulance Garage has carried more than 3,000 patients without an accident, during its career at this Hospital, and Acting Sergeant Lynch has been complimented on this splendid record. The Ambulance drivers are called to meet trains bearing wounded men at all hours of the day and night and in all kinds of weather and the good record they have made is an indication of the care and attention they give their work. Acting Sergeant Lynch's drivers are Dominick Cappolina, Ralph Eben, Edward Buckley, Paul Rice, Lester Cotton, William Kluin and Charles Deppner.

#### HELP!

Don't ever step on anything that grows,

For if you do you'll be offending Nature;

Don't even halt the growth of that which grows

And never pick a fruit until it's mature.

Corp. Pasquale Spilotro.

#### JAZZ PARTY.

The National Service Canteen gave a successful musicale and jazz party Monday afternoon and evening. An unusually large crowd of patients and detachment men attended. Mrs. John Gelert, of Orange, brought the entertainers to the Canteen. Paul Rutter, Charles Lasher, Guyton Boston and Donald Riker were the members of the jazz band. Miss Courty Rossie-diehl and Miss Elizabeth Silldorf sang for the boys. Miss Evelyn Allen gave a dance number and Mrs. A. M. Hettrick offered a reading. The early evening hours were devoted to dancing.

#### MAC LEAVES.

M. H. MacMonagle, ambulance section, Base 37, who has been under treatment for seven months, has been discharged and has departed. Mac will visit for a while at Rye, N. Y., and then return to his home at Canton, N. Y. Mac was one of the most popular men at the Red Cross House and his friends were sorry to see him leave.

#### NURSES' NEWS.

The Misses Bonham, A. N. C., have received ten-day furloughs and have gone to their home in Columbus, O.

Several of our fair workers made an unexpected stage debut Sunday afternoon at the Hippodrome, in New York, where they had gone to attend a patriotic meeting. The managers of the entertainment went through the audience and asked the Nurses to go on the stage. When they arrived there they were asked to join in the singing. Among the Nurses who were heard in song were the Misses Bettner, Wright, Hutton, Morgan, Olsen, Heller, Leeper, and Miss Demling, the Laboratory technician. And they were all in the front row, too.

#### FILMS.

Through arrangements made with Mr. Freeman, of the Red Cross, and Mr. Jacobus, of the Y. M. C. A., the two official films, "Fit to Win" and "The End of the Road," will be shown at this Post. The "Fit to Win" film will be shown at the Y. M. C. A. to men of the Detachment, Monday evening, March 31, and to patients at the Red Cross House, Tuesday evening, April 1.

"The End of the Road" will be shown at the Y. M. C. A. Monday evening, April 14, and at the Red Cross House Tuesday evening and Wednesday evening, April 15 and 16.

The "Fit to Win" film will be shown to men only. The other will be shown to a mixed audience.

#### MRS. ARNOLD'S PARTIES.

Tuesday of each week has been made a bright day through the efforts of Mrs. H. B. Arnold, 609 Richmond street, Plainfield, who up to date has entertained 100 patients from this Hospital. Mrs. Arnold calls for the men in her car, takes them to a matinee and then to her home for dinner.

James Palmequist, of Ward 9, was the life of the party entertained last week by Mrs. Arnold. Palmequist has lost both legs and must be carried from his wheel chair to the car, yet he is known as "Sunny Jim"—and deserves the name. When he was carried into the Plainfield Theatre by Pat Fox, "general utilities" at the K. C. house, he created wide interest and at the close of the show, Fox had a difficult time getting through the crowd with his human burden.

#### FOREIGN CHEVRONS.

The War Department has issued the following circular which will be of interest to men who may have served in the armies of any cobelligerent with the United States:

"Officers and enlisted men of the United States Army who served in the armies of any cobelligerent with the United States in the present war, are authorized to wear any chevrons or badges denoting such service which may have been awarded to them by the government of the country in whose army they served."

#### THE A. L. A. LAMP.

Miss Martin, librarian, was elated the other day when a friend donated a nice electric desk lamp. The first patient who visited the Library that day said, "Gee, it's just like a drug store lamp." The next one said, "Reminds me of a police station." Nevertheless the Librarian likes the lamp.



## CURRENT QUOTATIONS.

"Oh, my dear, it was just perfect-ly Darling at the Hospital, only of course kind of too bad. They have the loveliest guards at the gates and when I couldn't find my pass one of the guards said, 'You win, Dimples, step right in.' Wasn't that just too Ducky for anything? And I talked with the sweetest wounded soldier — he had an awfully responsible position in the Army. He used to lift the barrage at sunrise and sunset! Can you imagine? And he

got a decoration or something at Summaries Court where there was so much fighting. My dear, you must go out to the Hospital with me some day. That's a love of a hat you're wearing. Bye, bye. Heavens, how that girl does talk!"

Cutey.

## WARD ROOMERS.

George S. Unger, of Ward 28, who is noted for his bashfulness when in the presence of girls, was at a party recently when one of the girls asked him if he could play a piano. "No," he said, "but I can move one."

Private Julian Dorr wins the Brown Derby. In a dispute as to his ability to get by the guards on a fake pass he wrote out a pass giving "William G. McAdoo permission to be absent from the Post" and signed it "Woodrow Wilson." It worked.

George Mayer, of Ward 7, was stuck \$1.80 Monday noon, when a couple of his friends induced him to give a luncheon at a canteen. They ate everything except the silverware and agreed to repay him by taking him out Wednesday noon. And on Wednesday, Mayer had company and now his friends tell him he is "out of luck."

It was rumored, though by no means official, that while Randall, of 29, was bathing some one relieved him of some official mail. Randall said he didn't mind losing the letter because it was from his wife but he did object to the exploration of his trouser pockets.

Ward 4 surely harbors some real athletes in Evans and Rogers. If you have failed to see these boys kicking a football you surely have missed seeing some football rarely seen in the Army.

Now that Mike Sullivan has been transferred to Ward 2, the occupants of Ward 4 can enjoy an occasional night's sleep. However Michael finds enough time each day to visit his former "roomies" and teach them how Gaelic football should be played.

Willie Quinn was at the Ambulance Garage the other day when Acting Sergeant Lynch sent him to get some lubricating oil. There was only one barrel and Lynch told him it was "in the farthest barrel." After a while Quinn returned and said, "Say, there ain't any farthest barrel; there's only one."

## BARRACK BUNK.

Corporal Ted Valentine, Q. M. C., has bought a commutation ticket that takes him direct, and often, to his girl's house in Brooklyn. Every day is Valentine's Day for her.

Sergeant Menosky took his life in his hands the other night when he told the M. T. C. gang that he hoped they'd all be here a year from today.

Mike Miserendino, Private First Class, is the only man of his rank hereabouts who drives a Packard. When his friends ask him for a ride Mike says, "All right. I'll run across you some day down town." Mike spends hours every day sweeping and cleaning the stall occupied by his car. Yes he does!

We all wonder as to the why of the ear muffs hanging above Kent's bed in Barrack 1. His nearest neighbor is Wilcox and he lays no claim to snoring ability.

The most loyal exponents of the musical art are those two gentlemen on the first floor of Barrack 4. They feature all the latest numbers, assisted by a guitar and a mandolin. Among the pieces rendered, from top to bottom, last week were: "Silver Threads Among the Gold," and that song rarely sung by quartettes, "Sweet Adeline."

Private Crowson has been applying at the Q. M. office for a pair of skid chains for his bunk in the hall of Barrack 1. Ever since the floors have been oiled the once meek and inoffensive cot refuses to remain standing.

Missing from Barrack 4: One jazz symbol formerly used by the king of all jazz drummers, Private Scheurer. The finder may not recognize above named article as a symbol. However, should one see the side of a tomato can all flattened out with Heisler's black tie attached as a supporter then you will have the sought for trophy.

Now that Brogno has satisfied himself and Crabtree as to just what the Puritans did in the discovering of America, we would like him to tell us just what is the policy of the Swiss Navy and why is the coast of Switzerland so heavily fortified.

Barrack 4 has been the scene of quite a weighty discussion on several occasions. Both Thornton and Magee are wondering as to the true meaning of the words, "Turning night into day." Both have served the usual terms as night orderly and as yet the above statement has but little meaning.

Have you seen the Davidson Vaudeville Co.'s newest production? It is a most gripping piece. The scene is laid in Roselle; we really do not care where you lay the actors. It is entitled, "She broke my heart, so I broke her comb."

Schneider, who resides in Barrack 5 and amuses himself at the tailor shop all day, says that he finds army life just "so."

## IN THE Q. M. WAREHOUSE.

Corporal, (ninth class) Moses Solomon, undisputed weasel and wise guy; Corporal, (first class) Kenneth Norwood Mount, champion loafer and monkey imitator; Ensign Herman E. Salkowitz, salvage expert; Corporal (no class) Wolkemuth, bookkeeper, stenog, typist, etc.; Sergeant Stanley Hruby, boss (?); Corporal Grover J. Barrett, exchange expert.

## CURRENT QUOTATIONS.

"... an' so I stood on Fit avenoo a while and gave the girls a treat and pretty soon a dame ambles



The Kid, Himself

up to me and says, 'Oh, don't you want a seat for the parade?' and I says, 'No, I belongs to the standing army, I does,' and that got a giggle out o' her and she kicks in with a bid to come up to her house and put on the feed bag; which I done that evening. I gotta go and play a return engagement soon. Course I don't care nothing about this social stuff, you know, but you gotta humor these people along. Who's gotta cig'ret?"

## WHY THERTAINLY.

Private Brennan was discussing sports with a Linden society belle. He piped:

"I suppose you like rowing."

"Yes," she answered, "I rowed for an hour this morning."

"Do you like walking and swimming?"

"Yes, indeed, I walked and swam all day yesterday."

Growing rather tired of athletic subjects the record clerk turned to literary subjects. "Do you like Kipling?"

"Very much, I 'kipled' for more than twenty minutes this morning," she said.

## THE SERVANT PROBLEM.

Lieutenant Barry had just moved into the little bungalow near Post No. 1. About that time Lieutenant Fraser, mess officer, sent to New York for two cooks and four waitresses. No wonder Lieutenant Barry was surprised when Miss Miller, telephone operator, called him and asked him if he would send a car for "two cooks and four waitresses." The problem was straightened out when Lieutenant Fraser finally got on the wire.

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